

## **STIMULUS WATCH: WEEK 27**

### *\$25,000 in Stimulus Funds to Provide Free Concerts*

- The Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra is receiving \$25,000 in federal stimulus funds to provide five free concerts in the Sacramento area. The concerts will run from December 3rd through December 7th and will include such programs as Bohuslav Martinu's "Kitchen Revue," where audiences can imagine the "life of a pot, a lid, a broom and a dishrag."
- While free community concerts are certainly admirable, it's unclear how they produce jobs during a recession. According to Marc Feldman, executive director of the Sacramento Philharmonic, this money will give 10 of his musicians (whose jobs do not appear to be in any danger), "a good long week of work."
- Under the House Republican Stimulus Alternative, taxpayer funds would not have been spent on free concerts. Instead, Republicans would have created twice as many jobs at half the cost. To learn how visit: <http://republicanwhip.house.gov/Jobs/>

**Sources:**

<http://www.sacbee.com/content/news/story/2331940.html>

<http://www.sacphil.org/>

**The Washington Watch Report is available on the House Republican Whip's website: <http://republicanwhip.house.gov/blog/wwindex.html>**

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